



## John Samuelson

December 25, 1928 - October 31, 2023

John Samuelson of East Wenatchee lost his 10 month battle with pancreatic cancer on October 31. He was a Christmas baby born in Cashmere Washington on December 25, 1928 to Martin and Dagny Samuelson.

John was an avid hunter and fisherman who enjoyed camping and trips to the high lakes. He graduated from Cashmere High School in 1948 and attended Washington State University. He served in the Korean war as an MP. John had a lengthy career with the railroad where he was foreman of a bridge construction crew for the Great Northern Railroad and later tended bridges for the Burlington Northern Railroad.

Farsighted and industrious, John bought 7 acres in East Wenatchee at the end of N. Nile and planted a cherry orchard. His love for gardening and horticulture continued throughout his life always blessing him with an abundance of fresh produce.

John married Donna Hodgdon in 1962. They were blessed with two children Scott and Mark. They moved to Snohomish in 1973, then moved back to East Wenatchee after retirement. John was active in the American Legion as a member of Post 64 in Cashmere. John enjoyed hiking on the riverfront paths and counting groundhogs.

John was predeceased by his parents, his wife Donna Samuelson, his

brothers Arnold and Roald Samuelsen, his sisters Ruth Samuelsen and Signe Holmes, Nieces Kathy Yerxa and Janice Samuelsen, nephew Martin Samuelsen, Grand niece Jesse Schuette. John is survived by his sons Scott and Mark Samuelsen, his sisters Mabel Hoffman, Martha Tekula, Sonja Hurt, and Thelma Benner, 13 nieces, 7 nephews and their families.

A Celebration of Life ceremony will be held at Chapel of the Valley, 378 Eastmont Ave., on Monday November 27 at noon, followed by his burial at Cashmere Cemetery.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV 27. 12:00 PM (PT)

Chapel of the Valley  
378 Eastmont Ave.  
East Wenatchee, WA 98802  
(509) 884-3561  
[info@chapelofthevalleyncw.com](mailto:info@chapelofthevalleyncw.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ Uncle John is one of the kindest, thoughtful people I have ever known. I loved that he was an avid gardener, growing beautiful flowers & delicious vegetables. The stories Uncle John, Uncle Dud & my Dad could tell when they got together! I regret I did not have the presence to record them. Always in my memories.

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**Melinda Kay Birt** - April 08, 2024 at 07:37 PM

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“ I lived next to John for twenty years in East Wenatchee. A wonderful man, a wonderful neighbor. Rest in peace John. Scott and Susan Collaer

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**Scott Collaer** - November 30, 2023 at 08:51 PM